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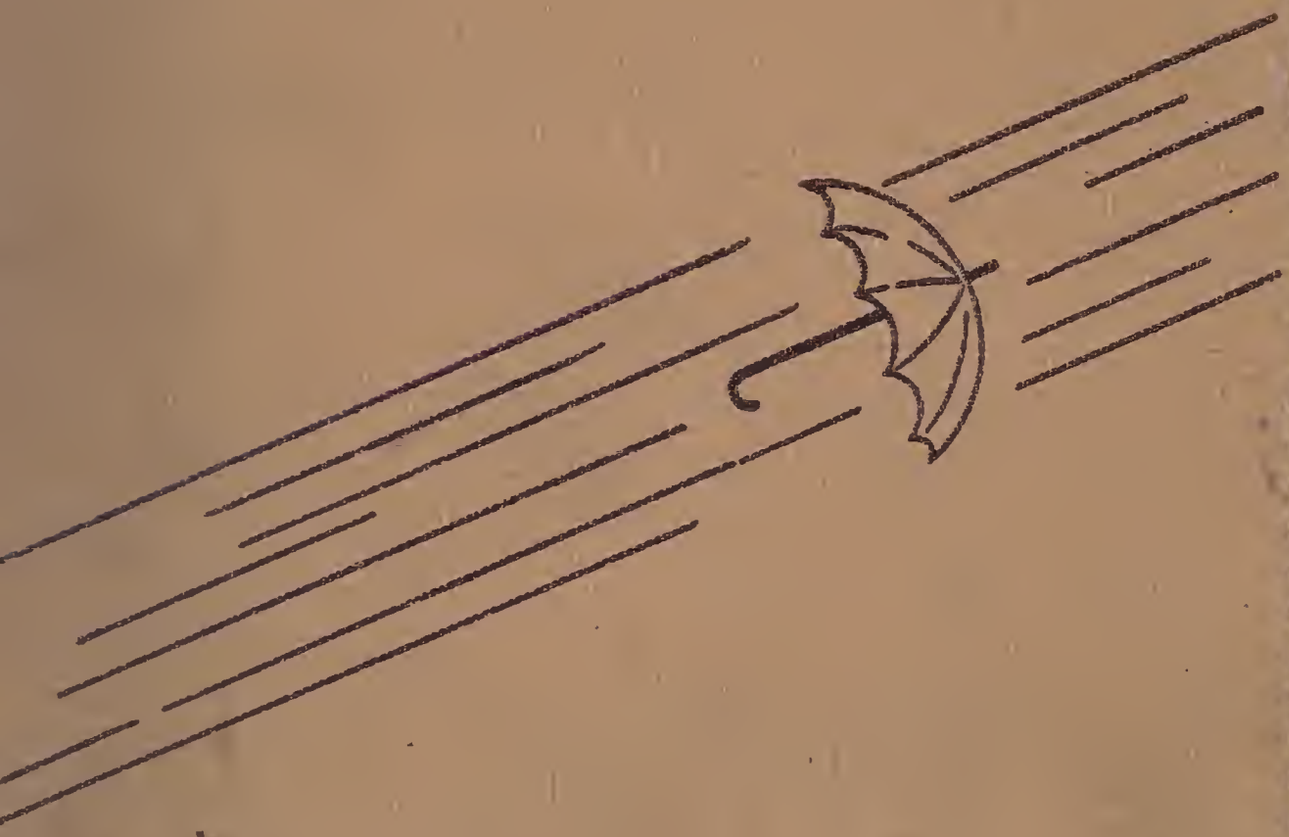

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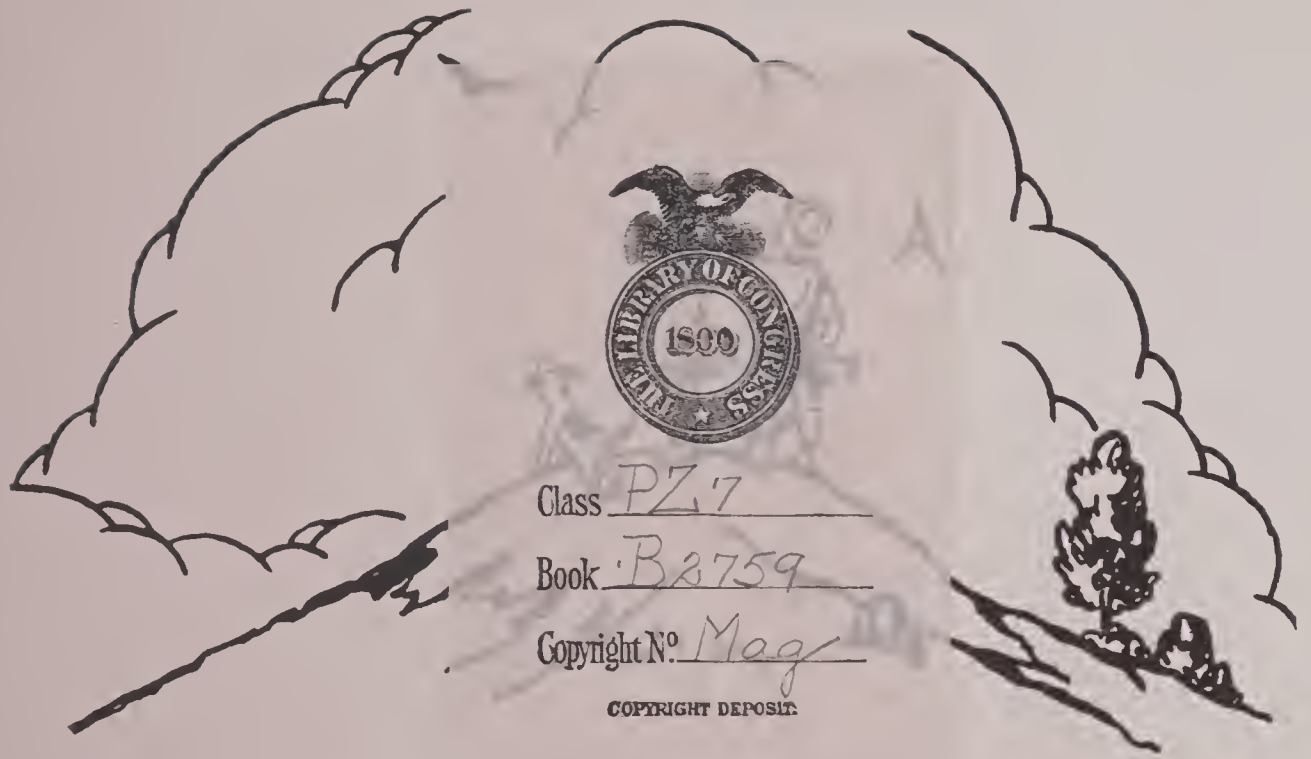

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One day a and and ,

Named Janey, Joe and Jill

Took their new red

And climbed up on a

wagged her and barked right at

A up in the sky.

"I'd like to fly like that!" said .

Said "So would I!"

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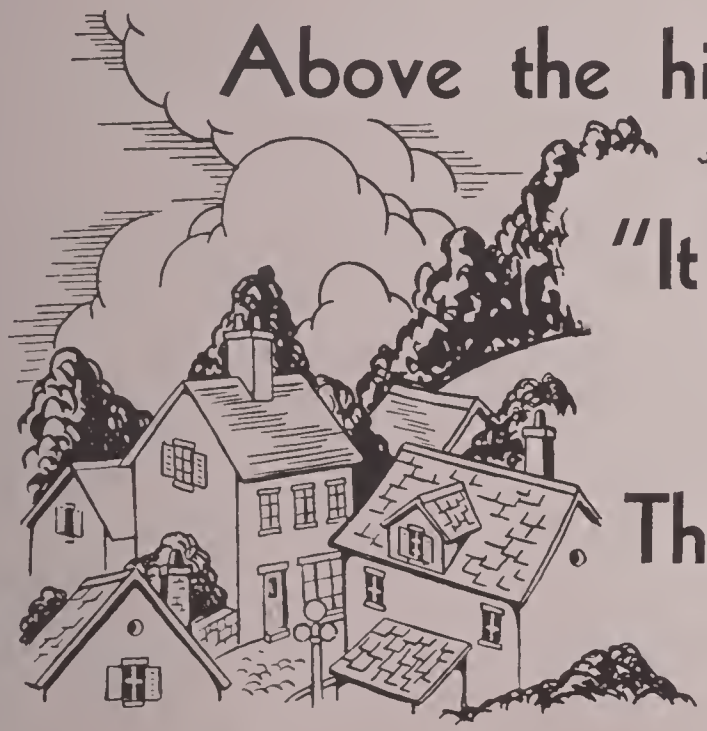
Their red heard their wish.

It always tried to please;

So all at once it lifted them

Above the highest



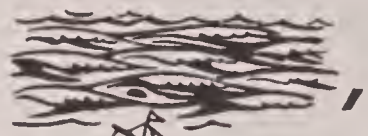
"It must be magic!" cried.

"Watch out that we don't spill!"

Then up above the -tops

Whizzed , and .

They flew above a railway-

They flew above the  ,

They passed five and ten

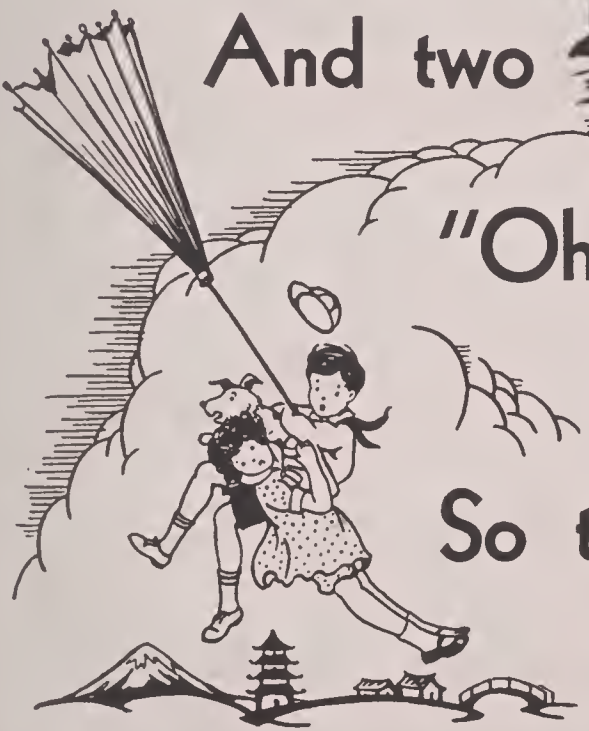
And two hurriedly.

"Oh, let's stop now," cried and ,

When their trip had ended;

So their new red

Obligingly descended.



They found they'd come to far Japan

Where lived a yellow race.

They landed in a ,

Each in a different place!

Two in gay kimonos ( )

Sat by a tiny

And ate some

with chop-

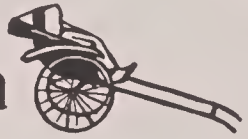
As well as they were able.

They also had some of

But these began to spill

When on their fell, ker-thump,

The barking named Jill.

Then in a  pulled by a

(Jinrikisha, it was called,)

Fell with whirling and .

(The looked quite appalled.)

Among the in a

fell with quite a shout.

A upon a tiny

Bent down and fished him out.

And then the red

Came down, it must be told,

Right on a tiny pine .

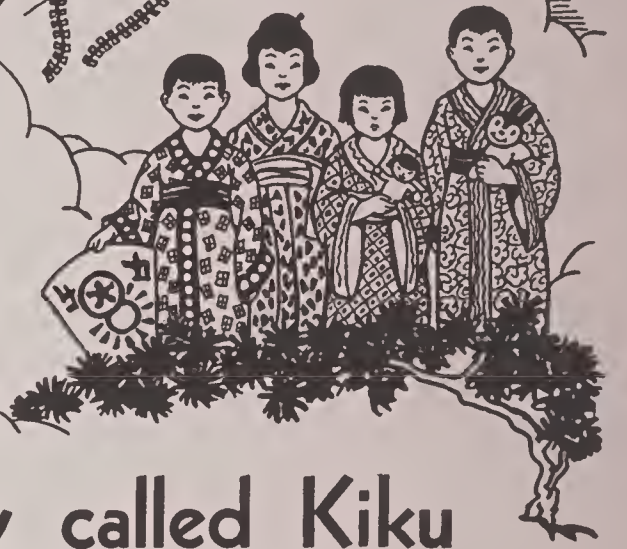
(T'was hundreds of years old.)

Some and with and ,

And in s

Now gathered around and

And stared and stared for ages.



Then one that they called Kiku

Politely bowed her .

"Honorable friends, come to my

And play with me," she said.

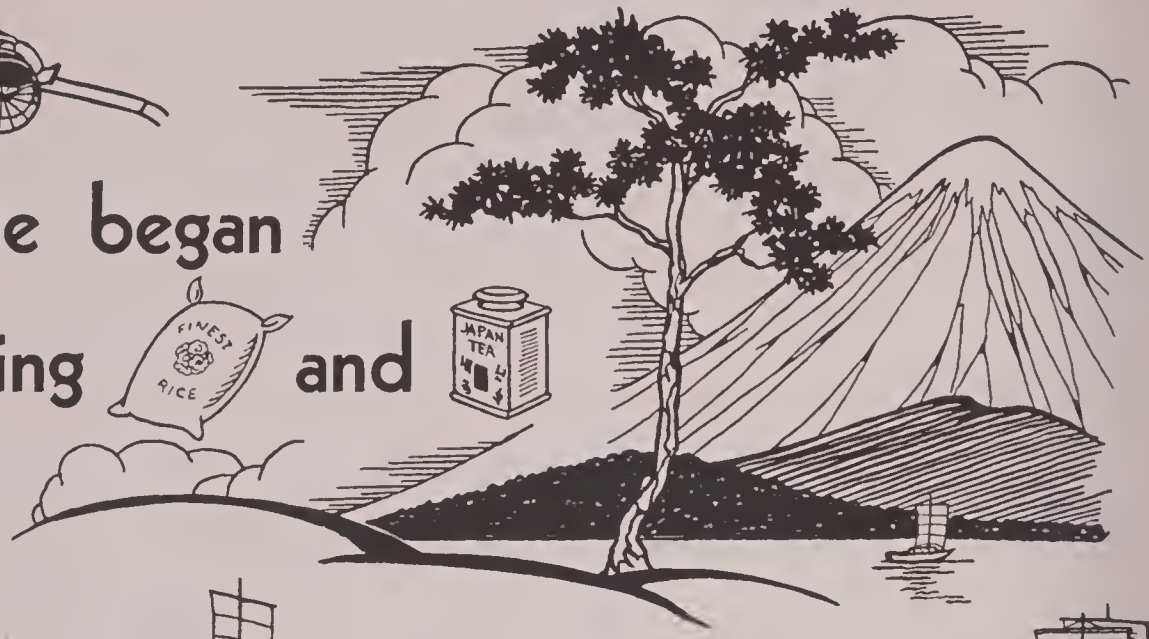
They climbed in her

And then their ride began

Past of growing

and

In beautiful Japan.



They saw a junk ( ) with square white

That made them all exclaim.

They saw a snow-capped mountain .

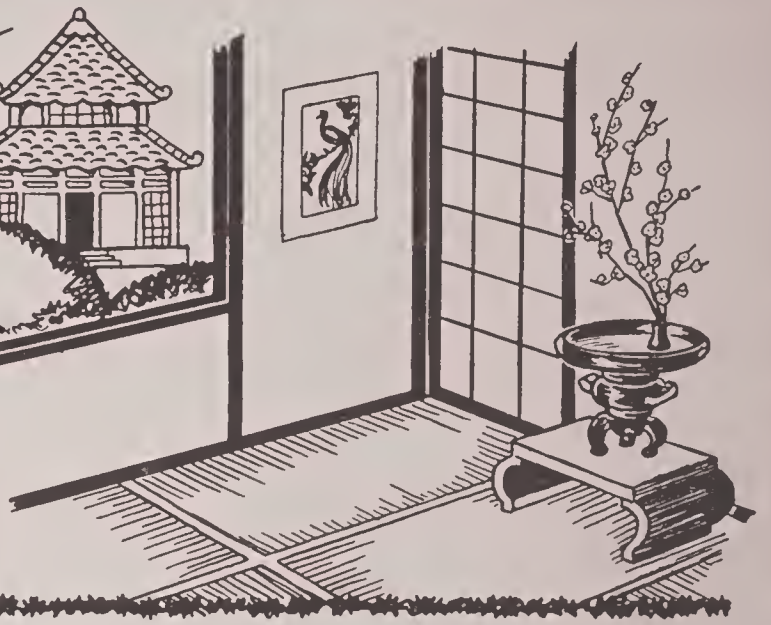
(Fuji was its name.)

And then they came to Kiku's

And began to caper.

It was so nice and it was made

Of sliding screens of paper!



They all took off their outside

(Though just washed her)

They sat at tiny s then

For it was time to eat.

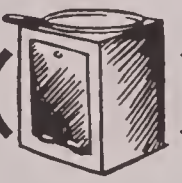
And after rice , soup and

And and they ran

And bought some melted sugar

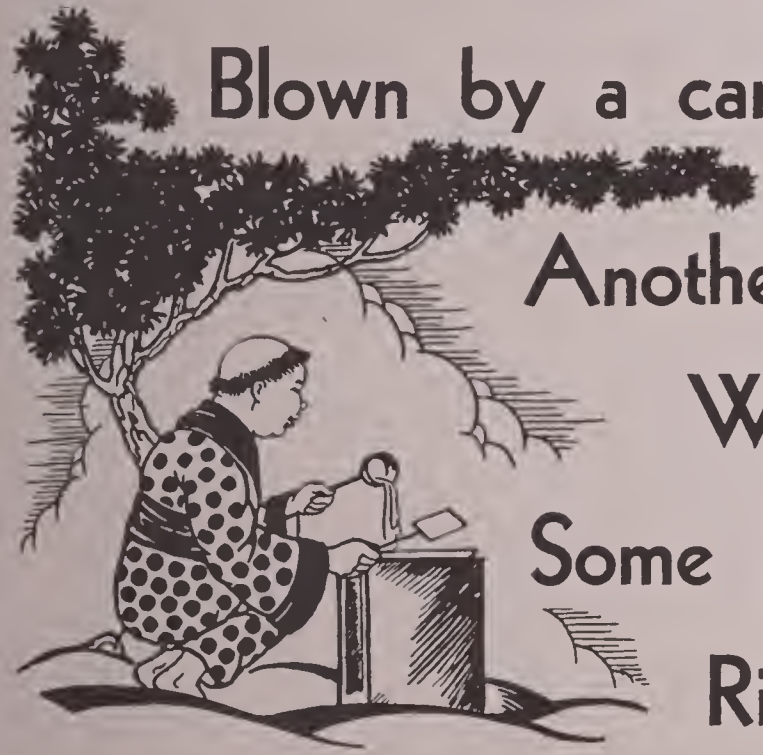
Blown by a candy

Another came by the

With oven () that could bake

Some and some , too,

Right out of batter-cake.



They ate while with a

Wrote ABC that looked queer

And told of festivals of

And they had each year.

They all went in the then

Cried, "Thank you!" and "Goodbye!"

The red umbrella then began

To soar up in the sky.

It took them next to Polar lands

Where there was lots of snow.

They fell upon a -

Steered by an Eskimo ( )

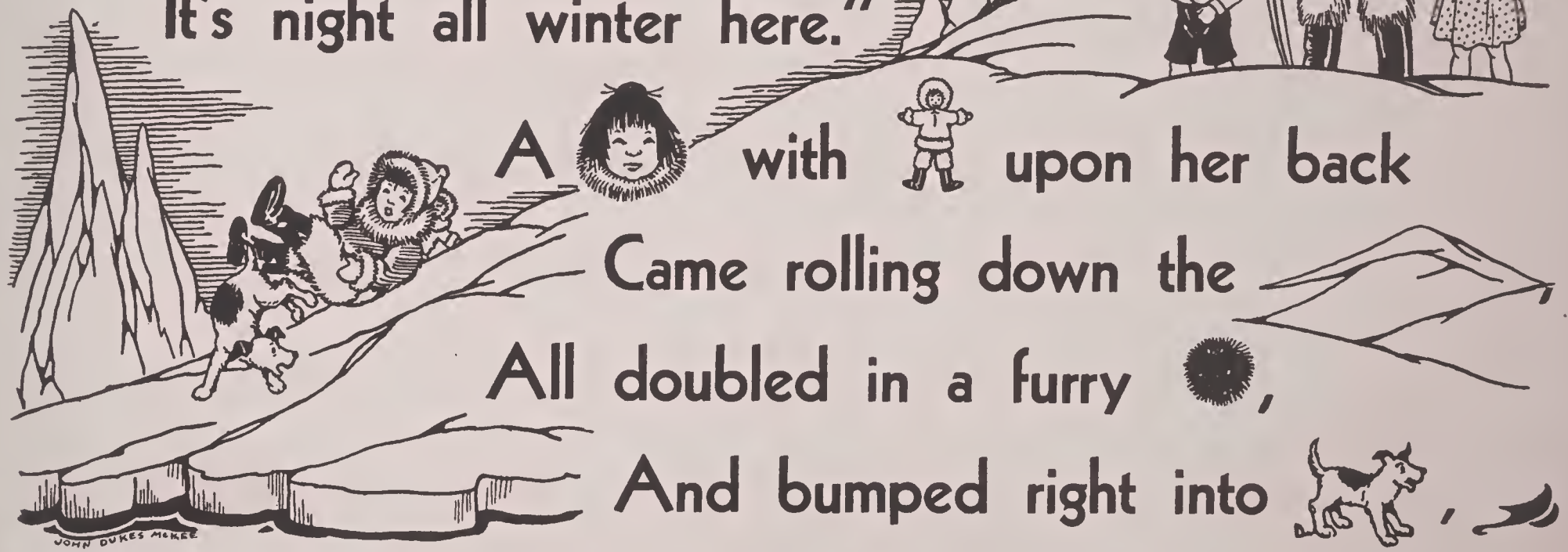
His and hood ( ) were skin.

(They kept out icy air)

His fur-lined were -skin

His were of .

"Hello!" he cried. "Our welcome
Cannot be warm, I fear,
The shines but in summer;
It's night all winter here."



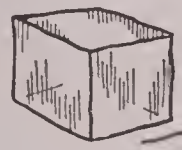
A with upon her back
Came rolling down the
All doubled in a furry ,
And bumped right into ,

Who rolled and rolled and rolled along,

Just yelping once or twice,

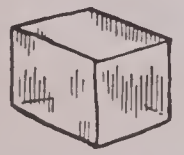
And landed on a polar

Sliding on some .



"Oh, pardon me," barked frightened ,

"This cake's rather narrow!"



The said, "Grrr!" and then he stopped,

Shot down by Nanook's arrow.

"Hurrah!" then cried the ,

And jumped like furry ,

And laughed and laughed and laughed

And clapped their -skin .

They put him on their -

(The komatik) and hauled

The up to their of ice

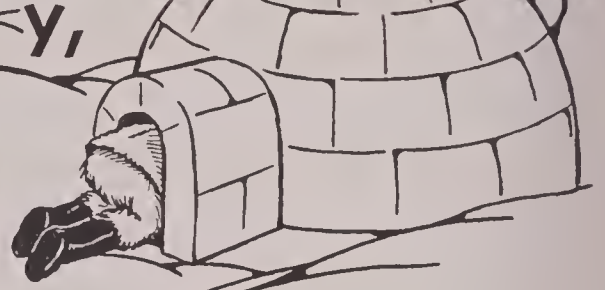
(An igloo it was called)

And and and

Although the ground was y,

Ran after both the

For they were getting chilly.



Outside the igloo looked like this.

Inside it was not damp,

For it was lined with -skin furs

And warmed by -oil lamp.

When Nanook's family saw the

They laughed and gave a party,

And many came in

Whose appetites were hearty.

They skinned the and cut his meat

In strips (there were so many)

chewed up one but and ---

They didn't care for any.

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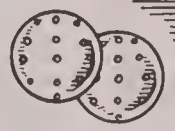
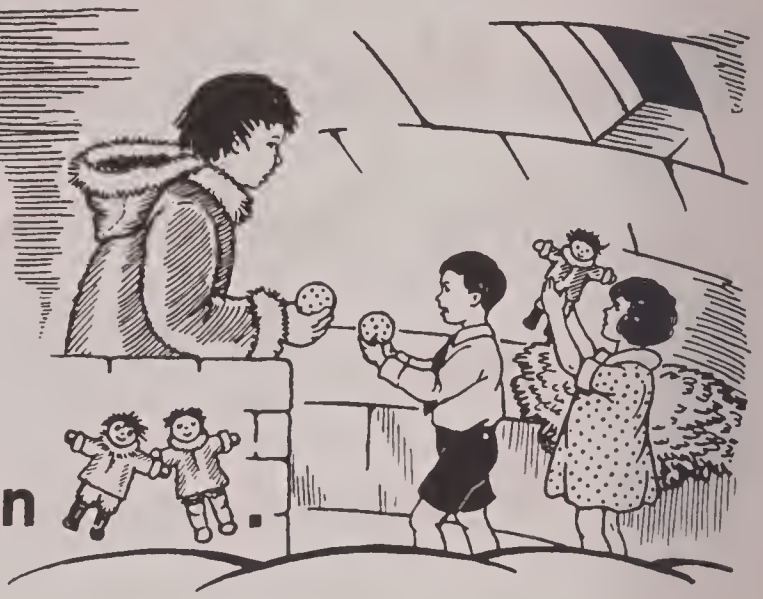
Then Nanook licked his

And showed off all his 

Made from the tusks of es;

Then showed their -skin.



While Nanook told of -hunts

In of skin, for hours,

When they had daylight all the time

And summer and ,

His mother ( ) chewed to soften

Fur skins to make a suit,

And let her cut her

Upon a fur-lined .

The 's air grew stuffy;

So cried, "Goodbye!"

And our three friends went sailing

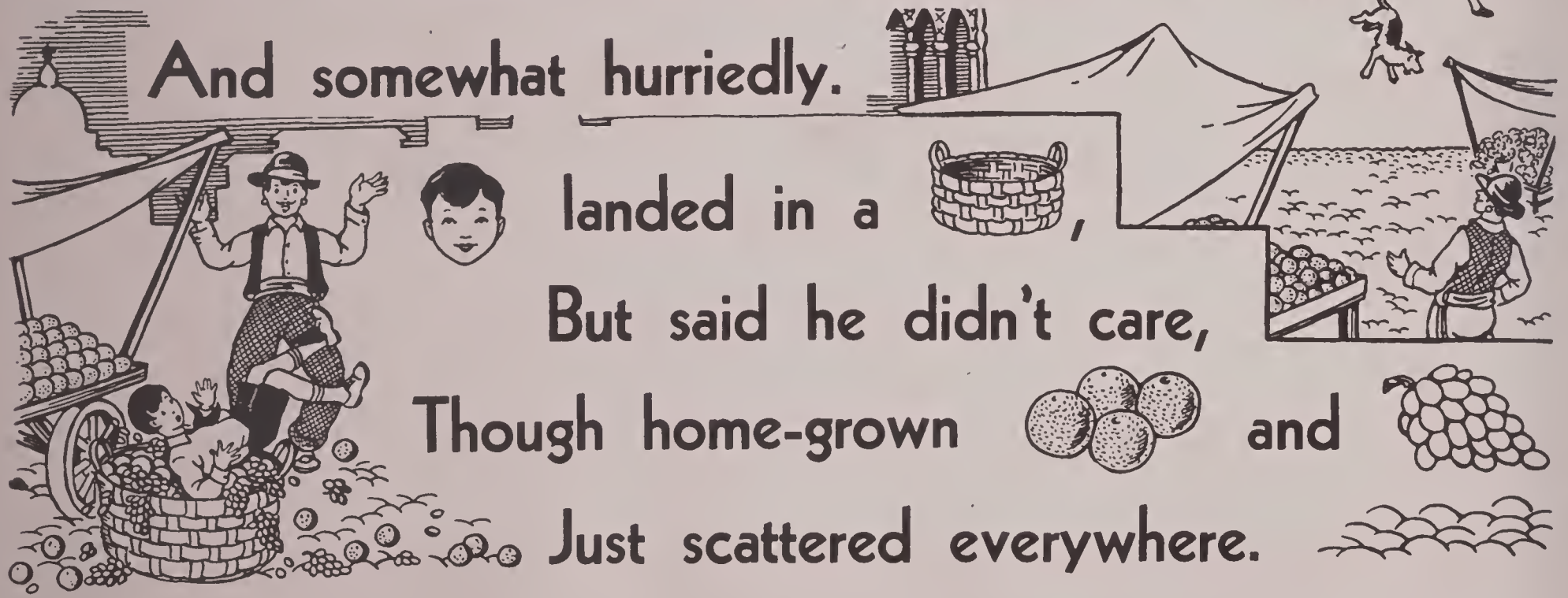
Again up in the sky.

They landed next in Venice,

In sunny Italy;

In the market place they fell ker-plunk

And somewhat hurriedly.



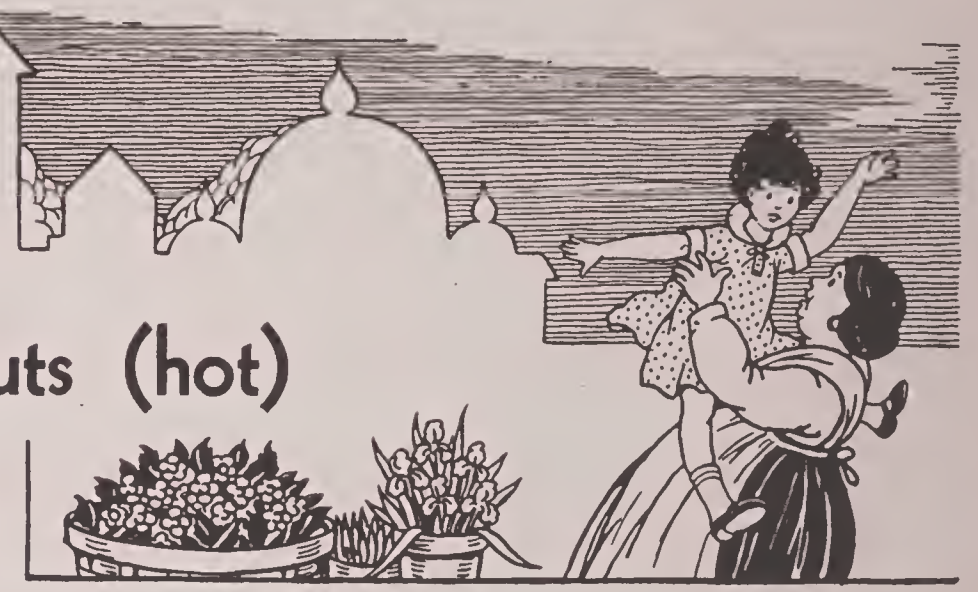
landed in a ,

But said he didn't care,

Though home-grown and

Just scattered everywhere.

fell upon a -



Who was rather stout.

landed in some chestnuts (hot)

But hastily jumped out.

The brayed, the s cried, "Baa!"

The , eating ,

Had never seen a sight before

Like that since they'd been born.

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So and cried, "Pardon us,

But did we startle you?

Now where can our be?

It's magic and it's new."

pointed with her wagging ,

And the glass blower's

Saw their in the street.

(The street was made of water)

They stepped into a gondola ( )

(A black with one)

And down the Grand Canal they went

Chasing it to shore.

They passed some golden palaces ( )

They passed some s, too;

Their gondolier ( ) sang happy songs.

I like that kind. Don't you?

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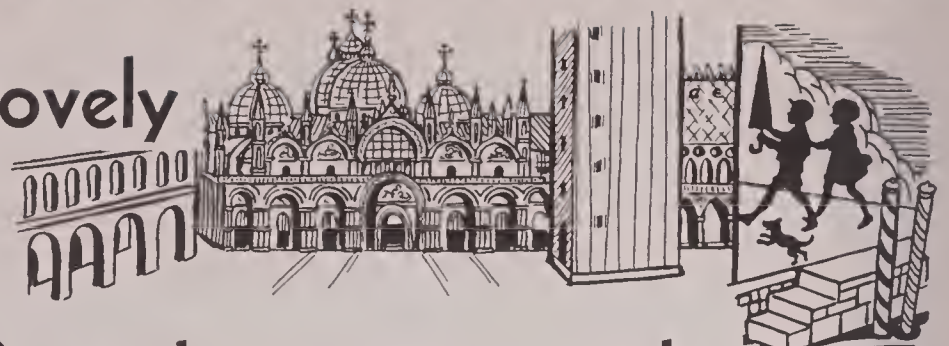
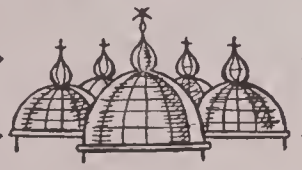
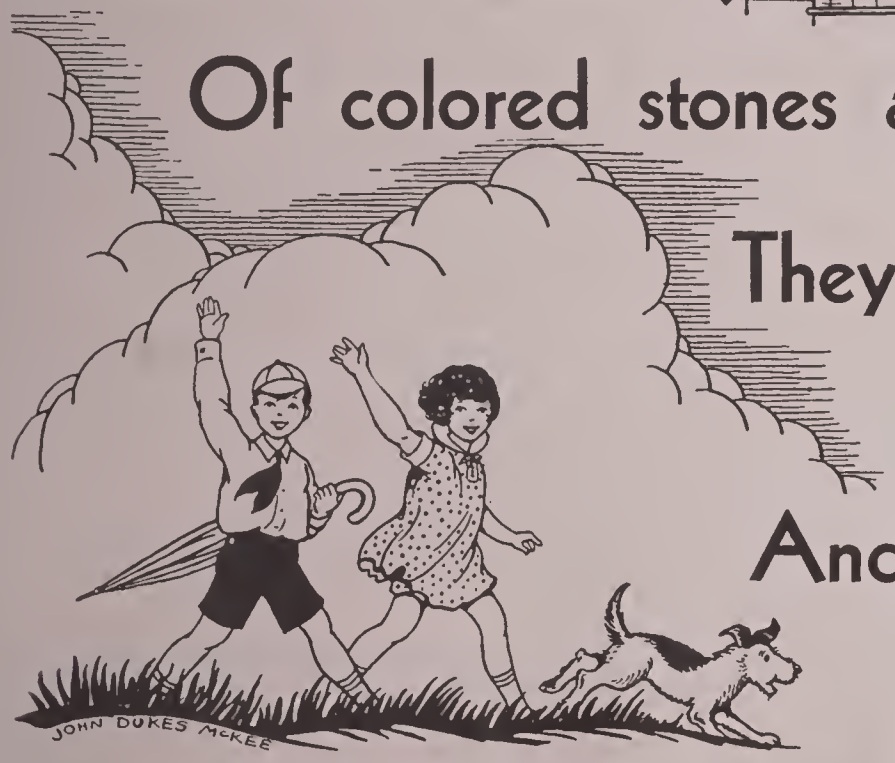
They passed St. Mark's---a lovely

Both beautiful and old.



It had five domes () and pictures made

Of colored stones and gold.



They caught their red

Which flew home right away,

And their very jolly journeys

Were over for THAT day!

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